



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 03419.0023-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Satoshi SAITO et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1633
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Application No.: 10/507,129	)	Examiner: Scott Long
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Filing Date: April 11, 2005	)	
	)	Confirmation No.: 8898
For: METHOD OF CONTROLLING	)	
ETHANOL PRODUCTION AND MASS	)	
PRODUCTION OF LACTIC ACID AND	)	
TRANSFORMANT THEREFOR	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

In reply to the Final Office Action dated March 13, 2009, and with a Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper, beginning on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.